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Re: Environmental Restoration RFCA Standard
Operating Protocol

Dear Mr. Legare:

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed and made comments, both verbal and written, on various drafts of the Environmental Restoration RFCA Standard Operating Protocol for Routine Soil Remediation (ER RSOP). DOE has made a considerable effort to have dialog with local officials and concerned citizens on this issue and receive public comment. DOE has incorporated a number of changes to the ER RSOP based upon this review and in response to comments. At this time EPA has only one substantive concern over the ER RSOP, and that centers on how it would be used to address areas of radiologic contamination if the Site undertakes such work prior to the impending revision of the radiological soil action levels (RSALs). In consideration of that, EPA hereby approves the ER RSOP subject to the following conditions:

Until the RSALs are modified, for any soil cleanup project in the Buffer Zone involving radiologic contamination, DOE will consult with EPA as the lead regulatory agency and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to determine the specific remedial objective to be applied.

This remedial objective will be included in the ER RSOP Notification that DOE will submit to EPA for approval prior to implementing the ER RSOP for any Individual Hazardous Substance Site (IHSS), group of IHSS's or Potential Areas of Contamination (PACs).

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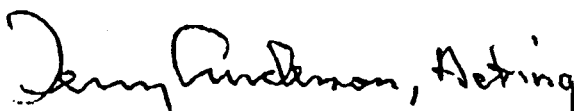
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EPA will then release the ER RSOP Notification for a 30 day public comment period. At that time, EPA will ask that the public also submit comments on how the ER RSOP relates to the given remedial objectives. Upon completion of the public comment period, EPA will approve the ER RSOP Notification as proposed, or specify the changes required for approval.

Please be assured that EPA will make every effort to conduct consultations on the remedial objectives in a timely manner so that projects can proceed in accordance with the Site's schedule. Contact me at (303) 312-6598 or Tim Rehder at (303) 312-6293, if you have any questions about EPA's approval of the ER RSOP.

Sincerely,



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